

SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION 285

By Barnes

A RESOLUTION to honor and recognize Rachel Nicole Ridenour,
2009 Salutatorian of Middle College at Austin
Peay State University.

WHEREAS, it is fitting that the members of this General Assembly should pause to pay tribute to those students who, through their natural talents and unflagging commitment to academic excellence, have distinguished themselves in the classroom; and

WHEREAS, Rachel Nicole Ridenour is one such exceptional student who was recently named Salutatorian of the 2009 graduating class at Middle College at Austin Peay State University; and

WHEREAS, through diligent study, steady composure during examinations, and steadfast commitment of time and talent, Rachel has achieved outstanding academic success and has joined the ranks of the best and brightest students in Tennessee and our country; and

WHEREAS, in her remarkable high school career, Ms. Ridenour has earned an exemplary grade point average and has demonstrated outstanding leadership through her involvement in a variety of extra-curricular activities; and

WHEREAS, Rachel has served as the JROTC Drill Team Squad Commander, a two-year member of the JROTC Drill Team, and a weekly volunteer at Burt Elementary School; and

WHEREAS, no stranger to accolades, she has received academic awards, a first place overall award in the Middle College at Austin Peay science fair and a first place in the chemistry category in addition to being named a Superior Cadet; and

WHEREAS, Ms. Ridenour's display of intellectual aptitude and ambition surely bodes well for her future success; and

WHEREAS, her noteworthy achievement is a tremendous source of pride for her parents, Greg and Violet Ridenour, her school, and her community; and

WHEREAS, Rachel's dedication to excellence is clearly deserving of the respect, admiration, and commendation of this legislative body; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE OF THE ONE HUNDRED SIXTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES CONCURRING, that we hereby commend and honor the 2009 Middle College at Austin Peay State University Salutatorian, Rachel Nicole Ridenour, on her impressive academic achievement and extend to her our best wishes for a happy, successful future.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that an appropriate copy of this resolution be prepared for presentation with this final clause omitted from such copy.